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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN MILITARY PROGRAMS

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1. IN CONVERSATION AT FCO 2 MAY, EMBOFF EXPLORED AT SOME LENGTH PRESENT UK MILITARY SUPPLY POLICY TOWARD JORDAN. BRIEFLY, THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN BASIC SUPPLY POLICY, WHICH REMAINS ONE OF LIMITED SUPPLY MILITARY SPARES AMMO AND SELECTED END ITEMS, PRINCIPALLY ON CASH BASIS BUT, FOR LATTER CATEGORY, FROM TIME TO TIME ON SHORT TERM (I. E. UP TO 3 YEARS) GOVT. CREDIT. HMG ALSO WILLING GUARANTEE COMMERCIAL LOANS OF UP TO 10 YEARS FOR END ITEM PURCHASES IN U. K. CERTAIN ROUGH CATEGORY LIMITS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, BUT DECISIONS TO SELL AND/ OR GRANT OR GUARANTEE CREDITS MADE ESSENTIALLY ON CASE- BY- CASE BASIS.

2. AS TO AIRFIELD PROJECT, FCO REPRESENTATIVE SAID
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NO RPT NO DEVELOPMENT LOAN HAS BEEN PROPOSED TO OR APPROVED BY HMG. A UK FIRM NOW PREPARING FEASIBILITY STUDY ON PROPOSED MILITARY AIRFIELD NEAR AZRAQ IN NORTHEAST JORDAN, AND FCO EXPECTS TO BE APPROACHED BY GOJ SOMETIME THIS SUMMER IF PROJECT PROVES ATTRACTIVE. HE INTIMATED JORDANIANS RAISED ISSUE DURING

LORD BALNEIL'S VISIT TO AMAN EARLIER THIS YEAR BUT EMPHASIZED NO COMMITMENT HAS BEEN MADE. BASE CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE A COMMERCIAL VENTURE, WITH HMG PRESUMABLY PROVIDING GUARANTEE FOR PRIVATE CREDIT.

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